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Nov. 29, 1956

Chief, FE

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Chief, FE Support Base, []

INFO: []

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Administrative
Engineer for FE Area

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REF: [] 14 November 1956

ACTION REQUIRED: Reconsideration of [] 25X1A6C

1. Review of the construction and maintenance situation in the FE area, projected through the end of this fiscal year (30 June 1957), based on knowledge available here, indicates the following situation at that time:

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a. [] Construction will be completed and adequate maintenance support available from [].

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b. [] No problems requiring an FE Area Engineer.

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c. [] - No problems requiring an FE Area Engineer.

d. [] - Construction will be completed.

e. SEA Stations - Construction will be completed.

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f. [] - Construction completed. A current and continuing requirement exists for a fairly senior (Grade GS-12 or 13) Base Engineer with practical base maintenance experience including knowledge of diesel engine operation and maintenance.

2. It has been Headquarters policy, in which we concur, to detail a resident engineer from Headquarters to supervise each major field construction problem. It is assumed that if any new construction projects of any magnitude are planned for the FE area, this policy will be continued. [] has had no responsibility to supervise the construction projects at [] which were underway in the area during his tour of duty here.

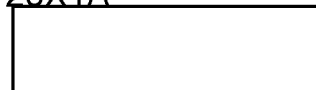
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3. We cannot foresee any real justification for the continuation of a position for an FE Area Engineer after the departure of [] upon completion of his current foreign service tour. [] is quite willing, however, to remain in the area on his present assignment for a period not longer than 1 September 1957 should any real necessity exist.

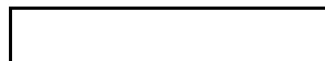
4. [] adheres to his original recommendation that the position for an Area Engineer be abolished upon completion of [] current tour of foreign service, based upon complete lack of sound justification for maintaining this position beyond that time. If a reasonably experienced Base Engineer is assigned [] as stated, paragraph 1f, he, together with the [] Engineer, should be able to provide sufficient capability to help plan and supervise minor construction projects in the area. This plus annual visits of a Headquarters engineer to Stations in the FE area should suffice.

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